

EL PASO BREAKS RECORD FOR BUILDING PERMITS FOR 1915

More Than \$1,600,000 in New Building Permits Issued During Year; New \$700,000 Courthouse and New \$500,000 High School Building Are Included; Hundreds of Pretty Bungalows and Residences Built.

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\$59,866, to be paid in scrip. The National Telegraph and Supply Co., bidding \$115,000, was awarded the contract for wiring. James A. Brennan's bid of \$12,500 for the plumbing was accepted. Both these contracts are to be paid in scrip. The Pauley-Jail company was awarded the contract for the jail equipment at \$65,632, to be paid in scrip. Frost & Frost are architects for the building.

New \$500,000 High School.

September 1 of the present year is the date set for the completion of El Paso's new \$500,000 high school. The contract for the construction of the shell and foundations of the building was let to J. E. Morgan last spring. The work done under this contract, which was completed during the summer, cost the city \$111,041.25. During the fall the American Construction company of Houston was awarded the contract for the completion of the building, the bid being \$372,550, which also includes plumbing and wiring. In addition, the contract for heating and ventilating systems, amounting to \$50,785, was awarded to the Elliott Engineering company. The total cost of the building, exclusive of the architect's fees, will be \$453,736.

One of Country's Best.

The new high school will be one of the best equipped and most modern structures of its kind in the United States. The site comprises four blocks bounded by Virginia and Ange and Cliff and High streets, the property lying just below the mesa among some small hills that add to the picturesque of the surroundings.

The building is of classic design in the form of a right angle, and faces the southeast, overlooking the city and a spacious stadium with a seating capacity of 10,000 to be constructed during the coming spring. The extreme outside length of the building is 600 feet and the width at each end, 82 feet. It covers an area of 50,000 square feet. There are four floors and sub-basement for heating and ventilating equipment. On the first floor will be located the manual arts department and the domestic arts department, a large lunch room with kitchen connecting, and two gymnasiums for boys and girls, connected with the stadium through tunnels.

Auditorium to Seat 1500.

At the vortex of the angle on the second floor will be an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1500. On this floor also will be 14 class rooms. The

main hall at the entrance to the auditorium will have a width of 22-1/2 feet. Besides the balcony of the auditorium the third floor will contain a large reading room and library, two study halls, 12 class rooms, stock rooms, two locker rooms, toilets and teachers' rooms.

The fourth floor will contain laboratories for physics, chemistry, biology, electricity and geology and one large and two small lecture rooms. In the east wing will be the commercial department, a large music room, two class rooms and a physiology class laboratory. The central portion will be devoted to the mechanical drawing and art departments.

The building will be fireproof throughout, veneered on the outside with pressed brick. Heating and cooling systems will be installed and a vacuum system will be put in for cleaning.

Enlarging Alta Vista School.

Work was inaugurated during the fall on an addition to the Alta Vista school that will double the school's capacity and provide an auditorium. Otto P. Kroeger and Mayfield & Shaw were awarded the contract on their bid of \$61,233, which includes all construction work and plumbing and wiring. The Elliott Engineering company was awarded the contract for the heating and ventilating systems, amounting to \$11,070, bringing the cost of the addition, exclusive of architect's fees, to \$72,303. Frost & Frost are the architects.

Other City Schools Enlarged.

During the first half of the year an annex was built to the Beall school, the contract price of which was \$12,048.61, together with heating and other work, which brought the total to \$14,257.78. The building is one story and contains six class rooms. H. E. McKee was the contractor.

To provide further room for the greatly increased attendance at the public schools, three small one-room buildings were constructed, one at the Alamo school and two at the Alta Vista school, at a total cost of \$3300. The work was done by J. E. Morgan. Earlier in the year a similar building was built at the Ave school, costing \$245.

In the Concordia common school district, located just east of the city limits, two school buildings are now under construction by Jolly & Morris to cost \$18,648 each. The buildings are duplicates, and one is located in the Grand View addition and the other in Lincoln

Park. On the main floor of each are eight class rooms, while in the basements are rooms for the manual and domestic science departments and social centers. Beutell & McChes drew the plans.

Home Breaks Record.

During no similar period was there the same amount of home building in El Paso as during the year 1915. At least 400 bungalows, ranging in price from \$1500 to \$125,000, have been erected during the period, representing an investment of \$1,500,000, while \$250,000 represents the cost of new homes built within the city limits, and it is probable that \$2,000,000 represents the cost of new homes built within the city and in the suburbs during the year. The feature of the year's work was the building of bungalows, and great areas of vacant ground were transformed into pretty bungalow districts in scores of outlying sections.

Many Handsome Residences.

Among the larger dwellings built during the year was the \$40,000 residence of A. Schwartz at the corner of Cliff street and Mesa avenue. The structure, which was built by the Perry-Kirkpatrick company, is three stories in height and is one of the most beautiful residences in the city. Another beautiful home was the 16-room dwelling of J. B. Irving, at Oxford and Marr streets, costing \$17,000, and built by the Perry-Kirkpatrick company. Still another was the \$12,500 residence of C. C. Henderson in Alta Park. Beaudett & Cropper built for Richard Ainsworth a \$10,000 bungalow at St. H. Lester, for W. E. Ware built a \$14,000 residence of two stories containing nine rooms. The same contractors built an eight-room Spanish mission dwelling for W. E. Ware on the Fort Bliss road in Richmond Terrace, costing \$6000.

An eight-room two-story dwelling was completed for mayor Tom Lea at Newman and Nevada streets during the year by Jolly & Morris at a cost of \$18,000. Mr. Jolly erected himself a home of similar design on Montana street during the year. The same contractors also built a \$7000 dwelling of eight rooms for W. J. Rand at 719 Upson avenue, and built an addition to Mrs. Frank Carr's residence at 515 Prospect avenue at a cost of \$2500.

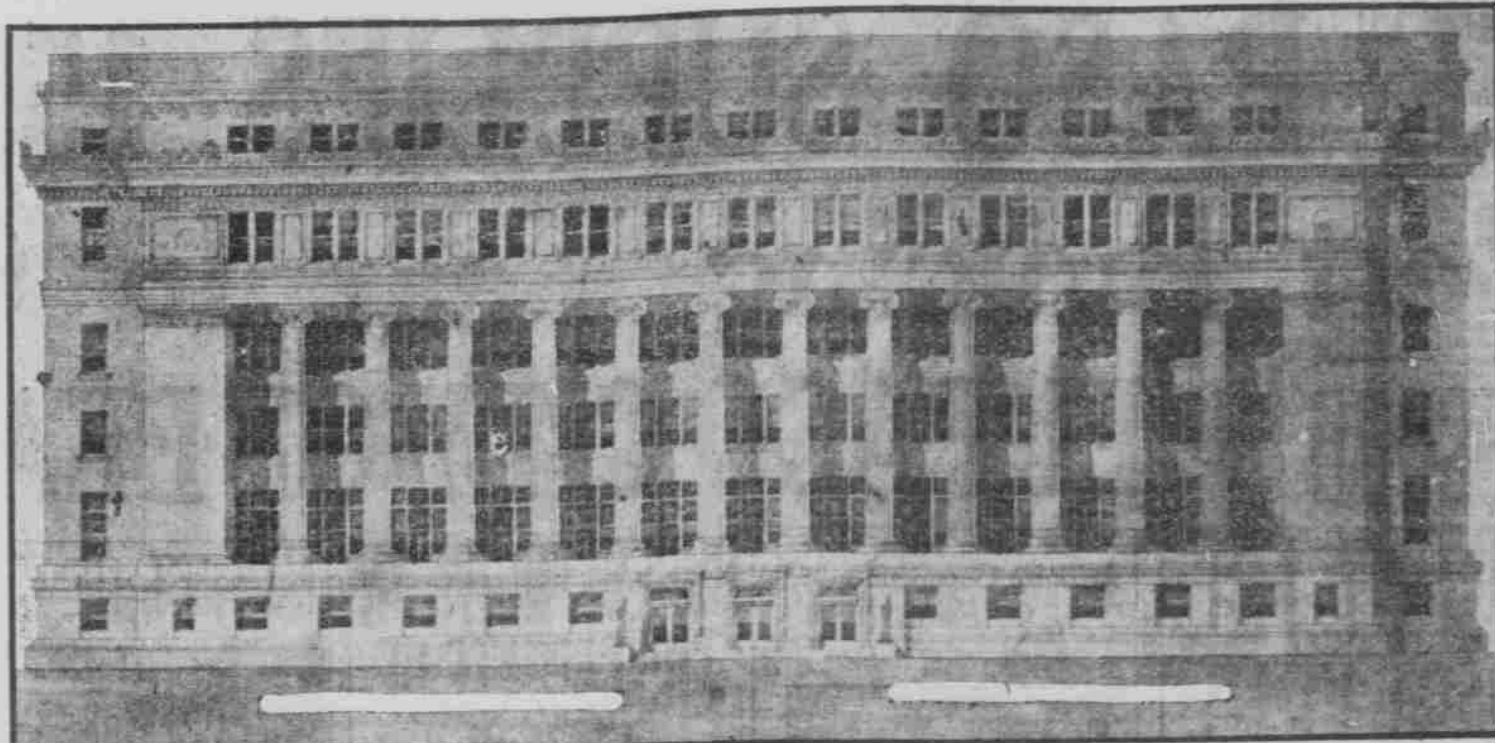
A 10-room dwelling was built in Kern Place for Judge C. L. Galloway, by Mayfield Building & Improvement company at a cost of \$11,000. The same company built a two-story building for Lee H. Orndorff in Kern Place, costing \$8000, and sold a two-story dwelling in the 3400 block on Montana street to C. H. Lester, for \$7000. The company also built a two-story home for W. H. Holcomb at 1913 Boulevard, costing \$8000. The company has also started a two-story dwelling at 2300 Montana street, that will cost \$5000. Beaudett & Cropper are finishing a \$2500, two-story dwelling, for George Mitchell at 1504 North Florence street.

O. H. Palm built a handsome two-story dwelling at Copper and San Marcial streets, Manhattan, costing \$5000, and E. L. Torres built a \$5000 dwelling on Montana street. The Phoenix-El Paso Building company erected a seven-room dwelling for M. K. Wright at La Luz and Copia streets, costing \$5000.

Residences in Kern Place.

A handsome \$5000 residence was

EL PASO'S NEW COUNTY COURTHOUSE



built for Dr. James Vance at Curry street and Mesa avenue, by the Cole Building & Real Estate company; J. H. Blachoff built a \$3500 residence for J. E. Monroe in Kern Place. In Kern Place also has been built a beautiful eight-room two-story residence costing \$7500 for Mrs. Netta M. Van Epps. At a cost of over \$20,000 Mrs. Van Epps also built a \$1500 bungalow in the same addition. V. E. Ware built a \$3500 residence at 1828 Hawthorne place for Victor Caruso. J. E. McKee built a seven-room dwelling for Carroll Helmick at Mundy avenue and West Boulevard, costing \$6000.

Build Many Apartment Houses.

While the tendency of El Paso residents is more and more in the direction of home building and the city, once a community of renters, has within a few years become a city of home owners, there is still a demand for apartment houses, and the past year has seen nearly \$700,000 invested in structures of this kind. The figures of the building inspector show that fully 50 apartment houses were built during the year, representing an investment of \$650,000.

One of the latest to be started is the apartment house of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. White, 415 Prospect avenue. The building will cost \$25,000, and will be two stories in height with two basements. The general dimensions are 80x112 feet, the 40 foot frontage being on Prospect avenue. The structure will have two floors in the front and three in the rear, as the site slopes towards the rear sufficiently to provide for a number of rooms in basements. There will be 17 apartments of from three to five rooms each. O. H. Thorman & company prepared the plans.

Headstone Apartments Completed.

One of the more beautiful apartments started during the spring and completed later in the year was the Roberson apartment, built by R. W. Rushing, for Mrs. W. F. Robinson, at San Antonio and St. Vrain streets, costing about \$25,000. The building contains 20 three and five-room apartments, and is in Indian mission style. The R. Baker Smith apartments, at California and North Oregon streets, were completed during the year at a cost of about \$40,000. The building and the annex contain 15 four and six-room apartments.

The Victoria apartments at River and Oregon streets were also completed during the year at a cost of about \$34,000 and contain 13 four-room apartments. The structure was built by the Phoenix-El Paso Building company for Hazan. The company also built the Hart apartments in the 2500 block on Montana street, consisting of four four-room apartments and costing \$19,000.

Big Sum in Apartments.

The Perry-Kirkpatrick Realty company built for W. E. Lambeth a 1224 Upson avenue, an apartment house costing \$15,500. The same company built a \$22,000 apartment at 1415 East San Antonio street for C. S. Pickrell and known as the Pickrell apartments. The structure contains 20 apartments. The company also built a \$40,000 combination store building and apartment house for L. E. Booker at the corner of Chihuahua and West San Antonio streets, also a similar building costing \$25,000 for the First National bank at the same street intersection.

Jolly & Morris built a \$29,000 apartment for W. H. Austin at the corner of Oregon and Virginia streets; the structure containing 25 apartments and being three stories in height. The building is so constructed that an addition of equal size can be built. The same contractors built for J. D. Binkley at Upson avenue and Fisher street, an \$15,000 apartment containing eight three-room apartments.

Work is nearing completion on a

\$26,000 Apartment House.

A \$26,000 apartment house on North Oregon street, between Arizona and Rio Grande streets, for E. E. and J. M. Baber. The building is three stories in height and contains 18 two and three-room apartments.

Marla Couple Build Apartment.

The M. & B. Building Co. is finishing a \$20,000 apartment for Mr. and Mrs. W. Teardon of Marla, Texas, at 266-1/2 Mesa avenue. The building contains 14 four-room apartments and is modern in every respect. Beaudett & Cropper during the year built for S. S. Nichols a \$12,000 apartment at 912 West Boulevard. The structure is three stories in height and contains three six-room apartments. The same contractors also built a three-story apartment house for J. C. Kane at River and Campbell streets, containing four four-room apartments.

J. E. Neff Built a Rooming House.

J. E. Neff built a rooming house of 20 rooms on West Missouri street above Santa Fe street for Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Vogel, the building costing \$15,500. Stanley Bryan built a \$16,400 apartment house for Dr. Howard Thompson at St. Vrain street and Myrtle avenue. The building is two stories and contains nine three-room apartments.

C. W. Youngberg Constructed a \$5000 Apartment House.

C. W. Youngberg constructed a \$5000 apartment house for Mrs. Sarah J. Melness at 1002 Arizona street, containing four three-room apartments. Newman & Hatfield built a store and apartment house at 424 Cooper street, costing \$7130 for T. N. Pierce.

New Locke Apartment.

A \$20,000 apartment was built by J. E. Beaudett for Mrs. E. T. Locke at 1632 Boulevard. The structure contains 10 four-room apartments and is modern in every respect. Mr. Beaudett also built for A. Levy a \$7000 apartment at River and Ochoa streets, containing four four-room apartments.

W. B. Mosley Built a \$15,000 Apartment House.

W. B. Mosley built a \$15,000 apart-

ment house for George Bean in the 800 block on Arizona street.

The apartment consists of five bungalows arranged around a court, the bungalows containing 16 apartments of four rooms each.

A \$12,000 Apartment House Was Built for F. H. Todd by R. E. McKee at 1011 Mundy avenue.

The structure is two stories in height and contains six apartments of two to four rooms each. Mr. McKee also built an addition of seven apartments to the Knickerbocker Gate at a cost of about \$15,000. Walter Spiller built for Sam Stark a \$9000 apartment on Kansas street and the Mayfield Building & Improvement Co. built a three-family apartment for W. Curtis at Prospect avenue and Bryan street costing \$8975. Thomas Niland built an \$11,000 apartment at Campbell and River streets and a number of other small structures were constructed during the year.

Many Tenement Houses Built.

Tenement house construction was conducted on a large scale during the year, and the district lying south of Overland street was materially improved by the building of brick buildings, taking the place of the unsightly adobe tenements.

Among the larger structures built was one for Victor Caruso at Sixth and El Paso streets, costing \$13,000. The first floor contains a store room and above are 40 rooms. V. E. Ware was the contractor. Mr. Ware also built an \$11,000 tenement for Haymon Krupp on Santa Fe street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, containing 80 tenement rooms. George E. Sharp built a 20-room tenement on Durango street for Jesus Garza.

J. E. Blachoff Built a Large Number of Tenements During the Year.

Among them being a \$6000 building for Mrs. R. T. Locke at Ninth and Chihuahua

streets, containing 60 rooms on three floors; a \$5000 building for Sol Franklin on South Oregon street, near Fifth street, containing 40 rooms; one for Young Turner on Tornillo street containing 40 rooms and costing \$5000; one on Durango street for C. E. Shoemaker, two stories high, containing 44 rooms and costing \$3500; one for himself at Seventh and Oregon streets, containing 40 rooms and costing \$5000; one for E. Jones at First and Tava streets, containing 20 rooms and costing \$3500; one for A. Levy at Ninth and Tava streets, costing \$3500, and containing 10 rooms; one for W. Johnson at Durango and Overland streets, containing 18 rooms and costing \$3500, and one for A. Carpio, at Eighth and Campbell streets, costing \$2000 and containing 10 rooms.

J. K. Turberville built for David Wright a \$2500 tenement at Seventh and Florence streets; one for W. J. Pewell at 418 South Oregon street costing \$4000, and one for Mrs. E. Rodriguez at Fourth and Florence streets costing \$6000.

\$100,000 Bank Building.

While extensive building operations were carried on in the residence districts a large amount of construction work was done in the business section. The largest building undertaken during the year was the \$100,000 bank building of the Commercial National bank at the corner of Mesa avenue and Mills street. This structure is three stories in height, with a foundation to carry 14 stories. The first floor is to be the home of the bank while the two upper floors will be devoted to offices. Otto P. Kroeger is the contractor.

Larger Building Under Way.

Another large building, undertaken by the Commercial National bank, is a \$100,000 building for the bank at the corner of Mesa avenue and Mills street. This structure is three stories in height, with a foundation to carry 14 stories. The first floor is to be the home of the bank while the two upper floors will be devoted to offices. Otto P. Kroeger is the contractor.

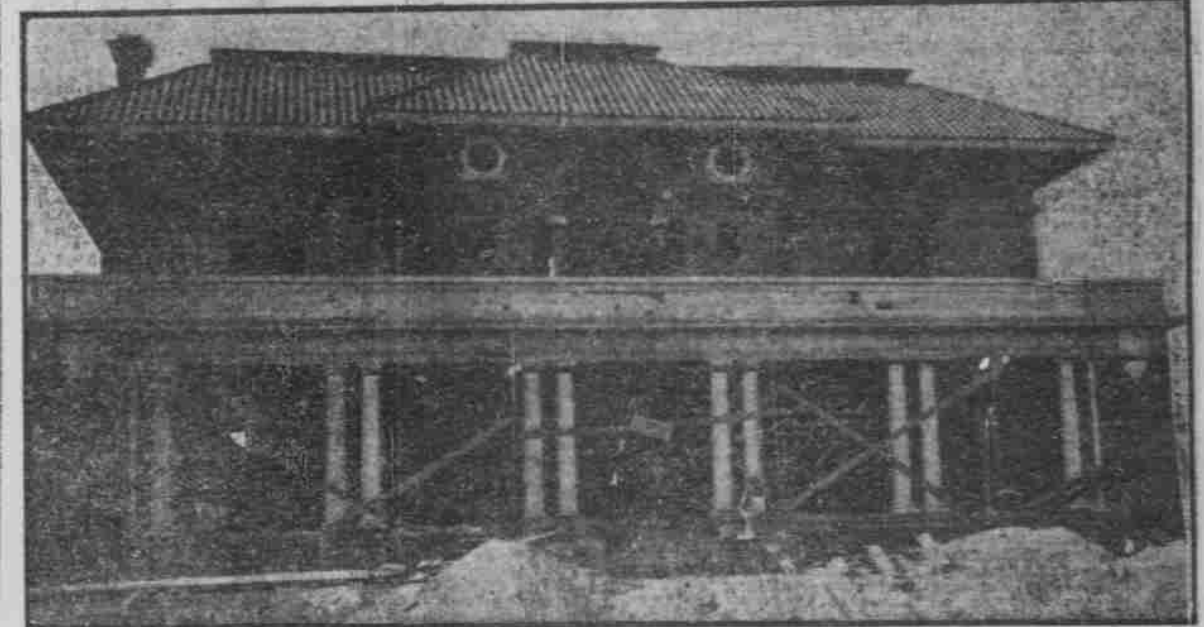
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EL PASO'S NEWEST BANK BUILDING



Home of the Commercial National bank, now nearing completion on the southeast corner of Mills street and Mesa avenue. Only three stories have been built now, but the plans contemplate an eight-story building and the present structure is erected with a view of adding the other stories later.

\$40,000 HOME A. SCHWARTZ



RESIDENT now under way on Mesa avenue for A. Schwartz, president of the Popular Dry Goods company. This building was delayed somewhat in its construction because the brick originally ordered ran out and it was impossible to obtain a supply that would exactly match them, because the coloring material is imported from Germany and has been shut off. It was necessary to tear down some of the outside walls and replace them with a different brick. The residence will be one of the handsomest in El Paso when completed. It will cost \$40,000.

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